Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Pynkulam 8
Cheruthuruthi 7
Nedumpura 16
Mullurkara Nil.

(*c*) Yes. Besides vaccination, isolation and disinfection works, rice distribution was done to deservingly poor and helpless patients. A sum of Rs. 5—3—3 has already been spent for the purpose in these places. Rice distribution among 8 destitute patients is being made in Nedumpura village.

(*d*) Sanitary Inspector, Northern Division, Vaccinator, Mullurkara circle, the local Panchayatdars and village officers.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is the disease still prevalent in those localities?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have no information about that. If there is any wide-spread disease, certainly, I would have got information. There may be one or two isolated cases.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* For what all items was this amount of Rs. 5—3—3 spent?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* This amount was spent to distribute rice to the poor patients and those who depend upon them, viz., children.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether this amount has been spent for these 16 patients?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* This was spent for 8 patients. There are three other villages also, but there may not be any destitute people there.

PUBLIC RADIO, NEMMARA—INSTALLATION OF

80. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the public radio for which provision has been made in the current budget has been installed in Nemmara;

(*b*) is it not a fact that the radio set has been already purchased and that it has been lying idle since about 3 months;

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(*c*) will the Government state the reasons for the delay in starting its working and whether they will immediately order the set to be installed?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*
(*a*) The installation is almost complete.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answers to (*a*) and (*b*).

AERATED WATERS—SALE IN PUBLIC PLACES

81. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the undesirable condition of the aerated waters sold in the railway stations, bus-stands, public roads, cinema and drama theatres in the State other than those sold by Spencers;

(*b*) whether it is not desirable to insist that only tender cocoanuts be sold in such places unless Spencers' aerated waters are not available?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) No.
(*b*) Government do not think so.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will this not encourage cocoanut cultivators?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Government cannot force people as to what they should eat and drink.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The Congress Government has been exercising such powers in the matter of prohibition.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Anyhow, we do not propose to dictate to the people as to what they should eat or drink.

THROUGH CARRIAGES FROM ERNAKULAM TO COIMBATORE—INTRODUCTION OF

82. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have felt the desirability of having through carriages from Ernakulam to Coimbatore attached to the up and down trains of the Cochin Express;

(*b*) whether they have approached the Railway Authorities to stop the Cochin Express at Vadakkancheri;

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